GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA
Subba Shri Moni Kumar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he recently visited Australia;

(b) if so, the main objective of the visit; and

(c) the details of the agreements signed with Australia during his visit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Minister of External Affairs visited Australia on June 23, 2008.

(b) EAM visited Canberra for the Fifth Round of India-Australia Foreign Minister`s Framework Dialogue. During the visit, he met Australian Foreign Minister as well as Prime Minister and discussed bilateral and international issues of importance. The visit provided opportunity to take stock of the existing bilateral relations and strengthen the ties in diverse fields.

(c) During the visit, Extradition Treaty and Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty were signed.